

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 6-10, as follows:

Cross-Reference To Related Applications

This ~~application~~ is a continuation of pending ~~application~~ Serial U.S. Patent Application No. 09/915,572, filed ~~August 26, 2001~~ July 27, 2001, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/221,518, filed July 28, 2000. The entire content of these applications are expressly incorporated herein by reference thereto.

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 22-30, as follows:

Referring to FIG. 13, a transverse bar 66 is shown which may be used as a connector or connecting member to secure the longitudinal member 18 to a fastener 12 that is laterally displaced from ~~the longitudinal~~ member 18 to avoid excessively bending ~~the longitudinal~~ member 18. The transverse bar 66 includes a hook 130 at one end 132. A set screw 134 extends through the hook 130 and pins the longitudinal member 18 against the inner surface 136 of the hook ~~134~~ 130 to secure the longitudinal member 18 to the transverse bar 66. The second end 138 of the transverse bar 66 is a shaft that has ridges 65 around the circumference that mate with serrations 59 provided in attachment member 14 as described above.